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The Organization of the Executive Departments
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STATE DEPARTMENT.

The whole machinery required to conduct the business arising out of our foreign relations is all in the power of the world for more than is generally conjectured. The number employed in the Department of State of the United States is only seventeen, as follows: One Secretary of State, (Hon. Lewis Cass,) one Assistant Secretary of State, (Hon. Wm. A. Richardson,) one chief clerk, twelve clerks, one translator, and one messenger.

Diplomatic Bureau.—This branch of the State Department is charge of all correspondence between the department and other diplomatic agents of the United States abroad, and of those foreign powers accredited to this government. It is also responsible for the transmission of the laws, regulations, and commercial documents of the United States to the various countries, and for the transfer of boundaries, etc., as proposed, copied, and recorded; and all of like character received are registered and filed, their contents being first entered in an analytical table or index.

Postmaster General's Office.—This branch has charge of the correspondence, for the department, and of all other diplomatic agents of the United States. It is instructed to those officers, and answers to their despatches and to letters from other persons asking for consular agency, or relating to consular affairs, are prepared and recorded.

Postmaster Agent.—He has charge of all correspondence, and of the expenses of the department, to pay with fund which the department of which the department is charged.

Clerk of Apprentices and Clerks.—He makes out and records contracts of apprenticeship, and records, when in English, the documents on which they are issued. Has charge of the library.

Clerk of the Bills and Archives.—He takes charge of the rolls, or original acts and resolutions of Congress, as they are received at the department, and prepares for, and superintends their publication, and that of treatises, in the newspapers and in book form; attends to their distribution throughout the United States, and that all documents, bills, and acts of Congress, and of the department, be distributed by mail; writing and answering all letters connected therewith; has charge of all Indian treaties, and business relating thereto.

Clerk of Assessments and Copyrights.—He has charge of the records of the department, and prepares, and sends, when in English, the documents on which they are issued. Has charge of the library.

Clerk of the State and War Papers.—Provides for, and prepares for, the authentication, and for the transcription, and accounts for, the papers transmitted to the department under the laws relating to copyrights; records and indexes their titles; records all letters from the department, other than the diplomatic and consular.

Clerk of Postmaster Passports.—He receives and records passes, and records and sends the passes and papers on which they are founded. Makes out and records passports; keeps a daily register of all letters, other than diplomatic and consular, received, and of the dispatches made of them; prepares letters relating to this business.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Hon. Jervis B. Black, Attorney General of the United States; R. H. Gillet, esq., chief clerk. The ordinary business of this office is conducted by the Attorney General.

1. Official opinions on the current business of the government, as called for by the President, by any head of department, or by the Secretary of the Treasury.

2. Examination of the titles of all land purchased, as the sites of arsenals, custom-houses, light-houses, and all other public works of the United States.

3. Application for pardons in all cases of conviction in the courts of the United States.

4. Applications for appointment in all the judicial and legal bureaus of the government.

5. The preparation of arguments of all suits in the Supreme Court of the United States in which the government is concerned.

6. The supervision of all other suits arising in any of the departments when referred by the head thereof to the Attorney General.

To these ordinary business of the business of the office are added at the present time, the following:

First. The direction of all appeals on land claims in California.

Second. The codification and revision of the laws of the District of Columbia.

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.

Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Hon. Jacob Thompson, of the State of Mississippi. His clerical force consists of one chief clerk, (Mr. Gillett, esq.) two drawing clerks, and ten other regular clerks; and several stenographers and management are committed the following bureaus of the public service:

The Public Lands.—The chief of this bureau is called the Commissioner of the General Land Office. The public domain of the United States is under his charge. He is also the head of the bureau of lands, therefore, which derived from confirmations of grants made by former governments by sales, donations, or grants of schools, military reservations, or public improvements. Likewise these grants are held in trust for the benefit of the public, and the Commissioner is responsible for the proper credits and the payment of the services of the several agencies established for supplying postmasters with the蟠文. To this bureau is likewise assigned the supervision of the ocean mail steamship lines, and of the foreign and international postal arrangements.

Contract Office.—William H. Daniels, esq., Second Assistant Postmaster General. This office is engaged in the business of arranging the small service of the United States, and placing the same under contract, embracing all correspondence and proceedings respecting the frequency of trips, mode of conveyance, and times of delivery, and the compensation to be paid to the contractor, and the route and route and local agents, etc., also, the giving of instructions to postmasters. Postmasters are furnished with marking and rating stamps and letter balances by this bureau, which is also changed with proportionable increase in the case of new routes, and the services which the contractors of the several agencies established for supplying postmasters with the蟠文. To this bureau is likewise assigned the supervision of the ocean mail steamship lines, and of the foreign and international postal arrangements.

Post Office.—William H. Daniels, esq., Second Assistant Postmaster General, and nineteen clerks. To this office are assigned all questions which relate to the establishment and discontinuance of post offices, and the removal of post offices, and the change of names, and route and route and local agents, etc., also, the giving of instructions to postmasters.

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